



## OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Information Collection Renewal; Comment Request for OGE Form 278e Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report

**AGENCY:** Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

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**SUMMARY:** After this first round notice and public comment period, the Office of Government Ethics (OGE) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew its approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act for an existing information collection, entitled the OGE Form 278e Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report.

**DATES:** Written comments by the public and agencies on this proposed extension are invited and must be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to OGE by any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [usoge@oge.gov](mailto:usoge@oge.gov) (Include reference to “OGE Form 278e paperwork comment” in the subject line of the message.)

*Mail, Hand Delivery/Courier:* Office of Government Ethics, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Attention: Grant Anderson, Assistant Counsel, Washington, DC 20005-3917.

*Instructions:* Comments may be posted on OGE’s website, [www.oge.gov](https://www.oge.gov). Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers,

should not be included. Comments generally will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Grant Anderson at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics; telephone: 202-482-9318; TTY: 800-877-8339; E-mail: [ganderso@oge.gov](mailto:ganderso@oge.gov). An electronic copy of the OGE Form 278e is available on OGE's website at <https://www.oge.gov>. A paper copy may also be obtained, without charge, by contacting Mr. Anderson.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Disclosure Report.

*Agency Form Number:* OGE Form 278e.

*Abstract:* The OGE Form 278 collects information from certain officers and high-level employees in the executive branch for conflicts of interest review and public disclosure. The form is also completed by individuals who are nominated by the President for high-level executive branch positions requiring Senate confirmation and individuals entering into and departing from other public reporting positions in the executive branch. The financial information collected relates to: assets and income; transactions; gifts, reimbursements and travel expenses; liabilities; agreements or arrangements; outside positions; and compensation over \$5,000 paid by a source—all subject to various reporting thresholds and exclusions. The information is collected in accordance with section 102 of the Ethics in Government Act, 5 U.S.C. app. sec. 102, as amended by the Representative Louise McIntosh Slaughter Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112-105) (STOCK Act) and OGE's implementing financial disclosure regulations at 5 CFR part 2634.

In 2013, OGE sought and received approval for the OGE Form 278e, an electronic version of the Form 278, implemented pursuant to the e-filing system mandated under section 11(b) of the STOCK Act. The OGE Form 278e collects the same information as the OGE Form 278. In 2014, OGE sought and received approval to incorporate the OGE Form 278e into its *Integrity* e-filing application. *Integrity* has been in use since January 1, 2015, and OGE now requires filers to use a version of the OGE Form 278e rather than the old OGE Form 278. The version of the Form 278e that is produced by *Integrity* is a streamlined output report format that presents only the filer's inputs in given categories and does not report other categories not selected by the filer. OGE also continues to maintain an Excel version of the form and a 508 compliant PDF version on its website.

*OMB Control Number:* 3209-0001.

*Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Type of Review Request:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Private citizen Presidential nominees to executive branch positions subject to Senate confirmation; other private citizens who are potential (incoming) Federal employees whose positions are designated for public disclosure filing; those who file termination reports from such positions after their Government service ends; and Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 3,196.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 31,960 hours.

*Request for Comments:* OGE is publishing this first round notice of its intent to request paperwork clearance renewal for OGE Form 278e. Public comment is invited specifically on the need for and practical utility of this information collection, the accuracy of OGE's

burden estimate, the enhancement of quality, utility and clarity of the information collected, and the minimization of burden (including the use of information technology). Comments received in response to this notice will be summarized for, and may be included with, the OGE request for extension of OMB paperwork approval. The comments will also become a matter of public record.

Approved: May 27, 2021.

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